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FIVE CENTS.

PHOTO FRAMES...

— in celluloid, beautifully embossed in silver, — from 25 cents to \$1.50. These are marked exceedingly low, and are selling fast.

PURE SPICES...

just placed in stock for Christmas seasoning.

Flemings' Drug Store

BRANDON, MANITOBA.

HOLIDAY

CLEARING SALE!

The time is short between now and New Year's and we are bound to improve it. When people enter our store these days they have their eyes open. When they read the papers they don't forget the advertisements. Hence we advertise—we make a display—we quote prices and we back up our statements by the goods mentioned every time.

When people buy presents these days they consult the usefulness of the present, every time. That's where we shine. Everything we sell is useful—whether it is intended as a gift or not. The store is brimming with bargains these days, and your best plan is to shop early—and often.

Suits !

Men's Tweed Suits, regularly worth \$6.50, Holiday price.....	\$4.95
Men's Irish Tweed Suits, worth \$8.50, Holiday price.....	\$6.00
Men's Serge Suits, worth \$7.00, Holiday price.....	\$5.00
Men's Foxe's Serge Suits, worth \$15.00, Holiday price.....	\$11.50
10 Men's Frieze Suits, worth \$10.00, Hollid- day price.....	\$6.95

Overcoats !

Men's Heavy Frieze Coats, worth \$3.00, Holiday price.....	\$1.95
Men's Heavy Frieze Coats, worth \$8.50, Holiday price.....	\$6.00
Men's Extra Heavy Frieze Coats, worth \$11.50, Holiday price.....	\$8.50

Also a number of Beaver's and Melton's
Coats at..... HOLIDAY PRICES.

30 Boys' Tweed and Frieze Overcoats, sizes
from 24 to 35, to be cleared out—the bal-
ance of this month..... AT COST.

Furnishing !

Men's Silk Ties, either string or knot, worth 40c, Holiday price.....	40c
Men's Silk Ties, either string or knot, worth 25c, Holiday price.....	25c
Men's Fancy Braces, all colorings and buckles, worth 40c, Holiday price.....	25c
Men's Fancy Mufflers, dark checks and spots, worth 50c, Holiday price.....	25c
Men's Silk Cashmere Mufflers, worth 75c, Holiday price.....	50c
Men's All wool Underwear, worth \$1.25 a suit, Holiday price.....	\$1.00
Men's Scotch Wool Underwear, worth \$2.00 a suit, Holiday price.....	\$1.50

Lots of things we haven't mentioned—call and see for yourself, and be sure—that our "Holiday Prices" down everything.

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Solid Comfort.

Lazy, luxurious ease. The after-dinner smoke, the latest magazine, the easy comfortable chair—there's the idea, the chair,

THE SOLID COMFORT LOUNGING CHAIR for use in library, smoking room or veranda. A model of perfection and comfort. Just the thing to give the man of the house for Christmas. Two styles, \$10, \$12, 16, \$18.

A NOBBY PARLOR ROCKER FOR \$2.90.

For the convenience of our friends, we will reserve and store, until wanted, all Christmas purchases on which one-half cash is paid. Pick out your presents NOW.

Our Upholstering Department has been increased by the arrival of an experienced Eastern man and we are now better prepared than ever to turn out the best of work at short notice.

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BRANDON.

A Historical Sketch of the "Wheat City."

Had the natural course of things held its way this city would have been built on the north side of the river, at Grand Valley. As early as 1878, after the change of government, when it was announced the government had abandoned the construction of the C.P.R. through Rapid City, population flocked southward, and when it was in 1879 definitely known the road was to cross the Assiniboine where it has crossed it, the rush of settlement was very great there being, perhaps, as many as 400 people in the place late that fall. As, however, the McVicars, who owned the townsite, refused the fabulous price offered for it by the company, there was no alternative but to move the town, and move it did the next spring the stampede being aided by the heavy floods of that spring, 1880. As a land mark, by the way, we may here say that of the residents of Grand Valley that spring, and who were among the first to remove to the new town, Brandon, there are now resident of this place but Thomas Lee A. Trotter and E. Evans. Mr. Lee, then as now, was in the harness line. Mr. Evans was horse dealing and Mr. Trotter carpenter and contracting. We may here also say as a bit of history that about a hundred years before there was an old trading post at the junction of the Little Souris and Assiniboine (north side) the remains of which are still traceable, called Brandon, from an Old Country county seat. This fort in turn gave its name to the hills to the south, and they in turn transferred it to the city, so through a circuitous route Brandon city has derived its name from a Scottish country residence.

Messrs. T. Lee, A. Trotter and E. Evans are then the resident parents of the city, and from appearances they are likely stayers. The fourth was Mr. P. E. Durst, who has lately become a subject of the stars and stripes. As a matter of fact the city of Brandon was for some months a city of white tents; but the following spring building operations began in earnest, the little frame shack just west of the flour mill being the first frame that was erected, and in which T. M. Daly hung out his shingle and C. Whitehead his as a lumber dealer. The first respectable residence was, however, put up by E. Evans on the south-west corner of Princess and 6th st. It would open the eyes of the uninitiated to hear what that building cost—ordinary lumber as much as \$30.00 per m. and brick nearly their own weight in silver. The Assiniboine and wagon carriage from Winnipeg were to that time the means of ingress and exit.

As the C.P.R. on crossing the river opened their first passenger depot in the west end of the old freight shed, where the offices now are, the town naturally took its rise on Pacific ave., the corner of 6th street, being recognized as the spot of all others to build on. That led to the erection of the Harris House and the Brandon House, to control the "gates of Hercules." Geo. Winter, now in the customs service in British Columbia, and Captain Wastie, long a central figure in the place, opened a store in a frame on Pacific ave., reduced to ashes some years since. Coombs & Stewart moved across the river and opened in groceries on 6th street, followed in quick succession by Wm. Winter and Bower, Blackburn, Mundie and Porter in a very large way in the building now on the s.e. corner of Pacific ave. and 10th street. T. B. Miller, of the Portage, opened in hardware shortly after to return to the Portage again a year later. Less & Rose began in drugs and shortly removed to White-laws present stand.

During 1881 and 1882, W. Crawford, D. L. S., experienced considerable difficulty in laying out the town site as fast as it was taken up. To use a vulgarism the boomers were always a terror to grab lots as soon as they could be outlined. In 1883 the present city was skeletonized, so to speak. The Langham and Daly's residence were conspicuous in the west Rounelle's store on 1st street just south of the bridge and the courthouse were rising in the east, and stakes were everywhere in the ground south to where the asylum now stands. So that so early in the place a large city was, at least staked out, and it has been filling up rapidly ever since.

In the earlier days and up to the 4th of March, 1881, this whole country was territory all west of Sidney on the C.P.R. and therefore under Northwest rule. Any whiskey used them had to be smuggled in as its use was prohibited. By an act of the Provincial Legislature on the 4th of March, 1881, the boundaries of the province were extended to their present western limit, and until Provincial Legislation in operation, could be extended there was a sort of joint authority governing.

The city's incorporation act was passed on the 26th of May, 1882, and the first council composed of T. M. Daly, Mayor, and Alds. W. Winter, A. L. Sifton, J. A. Brock, E. Evans, G. Winters, J. A. Smart, S. H. Bower, T. Lockhart, L. Buchan, L. M. Fortier, J. W. Horne and C. Pilling held their first meeting in the school house on 10th street on the 3rd of the following July. The following officers were appointed: Dan. Campbell, constable; Thos. Winter, treasurer; A. L. McChie of Police; Andrew Waddell, assessor and collector; F. G. A. Henderson, solicitor; E. Martindale, clerk; and Poudrier, city engineer. The first assessment of the city was completed on the 13th of October, 1882, giving a population of 1,142, real estate valued at \$98,869, personal property \$37,000, and buildings \$9,75. From this as a commencement the city took its rise and has grown to present proportions. Instead of meeting in a school house now the council occupy a city hall costing \$40,000 we have nearer 5 times the population of that year; a system of water works and sewers complete enough for a population of 25,000; a gaol and court house that cost \$75,000; schools good enough for a place four times the size of Brandon; an asylum; the best man aged hospital in the country; a large number of well paying local industries, hotels, stores, etc., equal to the best in Canada. These are all attributable to the enterprises and public spirit of the residents. In later issues we will go more minutely into the matter to show Brandon's material progress.

McGREGOR.

McGregor, Dec. 15.—Mr. David Sinclair, a farmer living four miles north of here, met with a very serious accident on Monday night. Mr. Sinclair was spending the evening at Mr. Wilson's, which place he left about 12 o'clock, having been appointed deputy returning officer. Shortly after his departure Mr. Wilson heard a horse in his yard and found it was the one which Mr. Sinclair had left on. On searching, he found Mr. Sinclair about half a mile from his place on the road, quite insensible and badly cut about the face. Dr. Penfield was at once sent for. On arriving the doctor pronounced it a serious case, as Sinclair is paralyzed on one side, and up to noon on Tuesday had not shown any signs of consciousness. Mr. Sinclair has been removed to the Winnipeg hospital.

All regret to learn that Donald Smith, near Austin, is lying in a very critical condition, suffering from a stroke of paralysis.

The election in McGregor was a remarkably quiet one, neither of the candidates having solicited any votes.

Since the drop in wheat, little is being marketed.

J. B. Merrick is in Virden.

H. Rogers is in Portage la Prairie.

E. B. Laughlin, our general agent, met with a painful accident yesterday; a heavy slide, with a barrel on it, fell on his feet. Fortunately the weight was checked by another piece of board.

Mrs. W. B. Walker and Mrs. Jas. Munro left last week for Ontario, and will spend the winter there.

BERESFORD.

Mr. Jas. Moore and R. E. Hopkins have returned from the Dauphin district.

Messrs. Ingram and Stevens have opened up a wood and coal yard here, and are handling the best at the lowest prices.

M. Robert Morrison, of Beresford, left on the 15th to visit his father and friends in Perth County, Ontario.

The Rev. Mr. Allison is drilling the little folks for an entertainment and New Year's tree, in the Beresford Methodist church.

NO AVAIL.

Adam Soper, of Burk's Falls, Fonda All Remedies for Kidney Disease of No Avail Until He Used South American Kidney Cure—To-Day He is a Well Man and Gives the Credit Where it is Due.

"For a long time I have been a great sufferer from disease of the kidneys. The pains I suffered were severe, and at times so bad that I could not walk. I tried every known remedy and treated with best physicians, but to no avail. I was persuaded to try South American Kidney Cure. Have taken half a dozen bottles, and I can confidently say that today I am a well man. This remedy is really remarkable, and greater medical teas and soups from kidney trouble. Said by Fleming & Son and N. J. Haspin."

OAK RIVER.

Quite a number of our neighbors left last week for Ontario, amongst them being Mr. T. Sawyer, Mrs. Ball and children, also Mr. Henrik, the popular superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School. We wish them all much enjoyment during their visit to the eastern province.

Mr. E. H. Ging is doing a rushing business in his new store which usually presents a lively appearance. He takes care of running the other storekeepers out of town.

Most of the councillors for Bianshard were re-elected by acclamation. Mr. S. P. Irton succeeds Mr. Stewart, who resigned without going to a poll. On Tuesday, Dec. 15, a election took place in ward 3, giving Hayes a majority of four over MacFarland.

The members of the Methodist church have organized a choir which makes quite an improvement in the service. The anthem on Sunday last was well rendered under the leadership of the organist, Miss Todd, who is to be congratulated on her success.

An attempt has lately been made here to re-organize the lodge of I.O.F. which has been defunct for some years, but with what success we have been unable to learn.

A number of the neighbors have commenced to draw wood from the mountains. Some are intending to get up enough for two or three years as they have to go farther back each winter, and the demand is increasing rapidly.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Mrs. Nicholson, mother of Mr. S. Nicholson foreman on this section. She is not expected to recover as she has attained to a ripe old age.

DOUGLAS.

Douglas, Dec. 16.—W. R. Boles held a shooting match here on Friday last. About twenty of the Brandon sports took part, among them being Chief Kirkaldy, J. Cummings, Geo. Andrews, J. Irving and several rapidly.

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Brandon

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Tenth Street, Brandon.

BRASS AND IRON FOUNDERS.

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Scrap cast iron taken in trade.

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HARTNEY.

In Winchester the following are elected: Reeve, E. Keer; councillors, Ward 1, Morrison; Ward 2, H. Mantz; Ward 3, H. Turner; Ward 4, W. J. Thomas.

H. C. Pierce has invented a smoke extinguisher which can be attached to any boiler and for which he received the silver medal from the patent office at Washington as being the most meritorious and useful invention during the month in which it was entered.

We have to give full particulars of this invention in a future issue.

On Monday evening last a colonist sleeping car was stuck-tracked here for the accommodation of a number of our people who were going east to visit friends. The following were the passengers: R. Jasper and Mrs. Jasper, W. A. Macwoodson (Mrs. Macwoodson), Geo. Liang, Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Shore and children, H. Chilcott, Mrs. G. G. Smith, Mrs. Jean Graham, Mrs. Smith, G. Bennett, Dr. and Mrs. McLean, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. McLean, Dr. A. McEwan and Miss McEwan, W. B. Muir and Miss Muir, F. W. Henry, Mrs. Henry and family. Mr. Scott, L. Watts and Miss Terrell were passengers for the east by Thursday's train.

W. J. Sargent beat J. Scott by 51 votes in the contest for the R. S. of D. Bay. He polled every vote in his own township but one and that was R. French's, the latter having driven out from Brandon to poll in it. He also had a majority in all the other townships except the one in which Mr. Scott resided.

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Silks, worth \$1.95 per yard, Xmas week at \$1.60.
Dress Silks, worth \$1.25 per yard, now 95c.
Very fine Silk and Wool Dress Costumes, worth \$10.50 per
Xmas week \$6.50.

Special Xmas Week Sale of all Dolls, Toys, Albums, Clocks, Fancy Goods of all kinds. Every department filled with special
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No other house in Brandon can show the magnificent stock of Ladies' and Men's Coon coats we claim.

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The World Over.

N.Y. Dec. 18.—Immigration De Barry received from the last night, notice of a new order of the treasury department law. This ruling on the part was raised in this city two days ago, as to whether a Canadian nurse who came to work in Brandon in violation of the law, the question was raised before it that a nurse could not be interfered with as she was a semi-professional. Now the secretaries, again, did not receive by Mr. De Barry those nurses can be denied. As such as Mr. De Barry receives of the new ruling, he sent to get lists of Canadian nurses hospital. He visited the hospital last evening and made arrangements to get the names of nurses employed in the hospital. Today he will visit other hospitals and get the names of Canadian nurses employed in them. Mr. De Barry sent all these nurses a report. Inspector Estill, residing now at Danville, where he went to deport five nurses employed in the

CANADIAN NEWS.

Dec. 16.—The Evening Independent Conservative, says: "No doubt whatever that men and Tarte have been guilty of dealing towards their countrymen, but the matter is for the Liberal and Catholic electors to deal with, as far as Ontario is concerned to be gained by reviving Laurier promised to stand by him, and the French Canadians will be greatly pleased with what they got from him. They voted him out, but were content with what he did, as it is the height of the Conservative party to make no enemies in Ontario, and to make an active effort to win the support of followers in the province of Quebec. The doctors were of the opinion that his discriminating mind would appear when he took in his speech, and they are not, and the people are struck by it. Foster has a bill on the remedial bill which talk on that subject."

MESSAGE TO MEN.

Honesty and True Integrity Still Exist. Those who are weak, nervous and/or who is suffering from various troubles resulting from lily excesses or weak heart and write to me for the plan by which I was enabled to perfect health after years of suffering—Doubtless, Loss of Vigor, Weakness.

Want to sell, and therefore may, but as I know through experience how to sympathize with sufferers. I am glad to be well aware of the preachers, for I myself was disabled for a long time until I nearly sank, but I rejoice to say now perfectly well and more and am desirous to do this certain means to all. If you will you can rely upon being the first to satisfy one in sufficient reward for my trouble. A very assuring cover postage and addressed to Strong, North Rockwell, I.Y.

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5 o'clock, \$2.00 Hemstitch Table Covers \$1.50.
Linen Napkins, worth \$2.50 per dozen—special—\$1.90.
Heavy Crash Toweling at 50 per yard.

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50 Men's \$10.00 Tweed Suits \$6.50.
Our very best \$15.00 Suits, this week for \$12.00.
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Bakers' Pride, The highest grade of Strong Bakers' flour, and its qualities are superior to anything of the kind ever before placed on the market.

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WHISKIES

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I have also received a car of

Ales and Porters

From the Dominion Brewery, Toronto, and a car of the well known Ales from John Labatt, London. Trial orders promptly attended to.

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LADIES' WATCHES

are now so cheap—especially if purchased from us—that you can afford to purchase one for an

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A reliable watch is a joy for ever.

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Eyes tested free.
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LOCAL NEWS.

Cartwright has beaten Killarney at curling.

The Rev. Mr. Watts is visiting in Brandon.

Mrs. Alana McMillan is home from Bage for the holidays.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8:30 and after the morning service.

R. L. Crisp beat A. L. Young by 46 votes in the contest for the Reevship of Greenwood.

Collections were taken up in most of the churches here last Sunday in aid of the hospital.

The Brandon hockey team will play their first match of the season in Garry on the 15th of January.

G. L. Dadds and J. B. Cosgrove had a very keen tussle for the Reevship of Arthur. Dadds winning by 4 votes only.

Reeve McDonald of Oakand was in the city and received the congratulations of his friends on his recent election.

Mr. John Hopper came up from Winnipeg on Friday and takes a position with less father, D. A., in the bank.

Invitations are out for a leap year ball to be given by the matrons and maidens of Brandon on Wednesday the 26th inst.

Mr. T. J. Scott, the well known vocalist, intends to form a music class to end that he may present a cantata in the near future.

Rev. John Davis, a returned missionary from India will tell the pulpit of the Baptist church here during January and February.

The news of the returns of the Stomach election gave particular pleasure to the Liberal workers here who anxiously awaited word on Saturday night.

Mr. W. D. Clements has in his show-cases "shadow-graphed" handkerchiefs. With ones best girl's or best dolly photo a handkerchief will be doubly photoed.

The Misses Mart and Brown gave a surprise party on Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. Sutherland, 5th St., when an enjoyable time was spent by those present.

The Grand March at the rink on Thursday night drew quite a crowd, and although cut a little short, was well attended. The skaters would appear the march once a week as a practice.

James' Bookstore is distancing all competitors in an exclusively Holiday Goods such as plush, celluloid and leather gewgaws, toys, Xmas and New Year's gifts, children's sleighs, colliearing sets, &c. Just call and get the bargains.

The Northern Pacific announces that they will have their usual Christmas and New Year's excursion rates in effect during the holiday season which will be on both sides of and one-third for the round trip between all points in Manitoba, dates set being December 21st to 24th inclusive and December 28th to 31st inclusive with final limit of January 2nd.

A number of the inmates of the Asylum, accompanied by attendants were treated to a slight drive on Saturday. Judging from appearances they enjoyed it. This is a very commendable kindness as the poor unfortunate, away from home and friends, do not have too much of this world's enjoyment, though perhaps spared some of its perplexities and worries.

The Carlton-Gothic company will complete a two weeks' engagement on Saturday. Their prolonged stay will be appreciated as, notwithstanding the low prices, the entertainments are up to the standard and deserve a more liberal patronage. Miss Clara Mathes is a pretty young actress and makes a happy addition to the company. As Farley she made a decided hit, and is a strong support to the leading actress, Miss Beatrice Thorne.

Our armor dealers and in fact all others should attend the Farmers' meeting in the city hall at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The Dominion communists who are now making the rounds of the country to consider the necessary tariff reform, are shortly to be here and the farmers are expected to put them in shape on Saturday. Any one who has any suggestions to make on the matter should be present and put his ideas in form. Let there be a rousing meeting.

Mr. Will Trench is home from Winnipeg for the holidays.

Judge Cumberland has returned from holding court in Virden.

Miss Keith left last week to spend Christmas with her parents in Chicago.

The anthem at the morning service will be "Arise Shine for Thy Light is Come."

The City band has been engaged to play at the Alexander carnival, New Year's Eve.

Smith & Burton's window are very tastefully arranged, resembling something at a tropical garden.

Mr. Robt. Thurston left a few days ago to spend Xmas with his parents who live in Oregon, U.S.

The Sunday School festival of St. Matthew's will be held in the City Hall on Tuesday evening at 8 p.m.

Mr. Jack Patterson, of Carroll, formerly foreman of Kelly's stables, was married on Wednesday, 16th inst., to Miss Susie Hutchinson, of Hayfield.

Miss Abbie Clement has returned from Chicago much improved in health as the result of a successful operation performed in that city.

On the festival of Our Lord, commonly called Christmas Day, services will be held in St. Matthew's church at 8:30, 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Mr. G. Griffith, one of the proprietors of the Marine Railway, of Vancouver, is visiting in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Christie.

In a number of the churches of the city suitable services for the Christmas season were held and appropriate sermons preached last Sunday evening.

The Jays in Campbell & Campbell's window are forcing the season in earnest. A large sunshade and badly sunburnt at that is a novelty in Manitoba December.

West Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 21.—Stony Creek gives Davis 3 majority; Fleets Springs gives Davis 2 majority. The majority is now 129 for Davis, with nine polls to hear from.

Add. McKenzie received the sad news of the death of his brother, Dr. McKenzie, Essex Centre, suddenly of typhoid fever. The doctor then a young man was here in 1882.

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A fatal accident, the result of carelessness occurred on the flats on Monday morning by which a three-year-old child named Mathuska lost its life. It appears that the mother went out to wash early in the morning, later the elder brother went to school and the step-father went somewhere else leaving the child alone in the house. From the evidences the child set fire to its clothes by lighting splinters at the stove. When found it was lying dead on the floor, its clothes all burned off and its body in a crisp. The father was drowned while crossing the Assiniboine about three years ago. Once before the family had their house on the flats burned down by a child lighting matches.

Mr. J. Green received a telegram Friday evening last from his sister, Mrs. Allen, conveying intelligence of the death of her husband, C. W. Allen well and favorably known here. Deceased, who was foreman at the Brandon Machine Works, had an attack of hematuria about a year ago and had been in poor health since. Thinking it advisable to escape the rigor of the Manitoba winter he, in company with his wife, left for his old home in Dutton Ont., in the fall, but the disease proved the stronger and death claimed its victim.

The many friends of Mrs. Allen in the city, where she was an energetic worker in Christian circles, are grieved to learn of her sad bereavement.

Mr. F. W. Adams in behalf of the members of the Methodist S. S. and Epworth League sent a message of condolence to their bereaved sister and a tribute to their departed brother.

Many of our enterprising merchants are making unique window displays, which reflect credit on the taste and ingenuity of those in charge. Messrs. Campbell & Campbell's presumably Japanese and Chinese nabobs, with their characteristic dress, are objects of curiosity. A. C. Fraser & Co. have an ideal Xmas Eve scene with Santa Claus in the very act of filling the stockings in one window, and a swan drawing a merry load in a boat, in the other; S. Wales, butcher, shows a typical Manitoba chase with a bear scampering over the snow through a thicket; T. F. Butcher's fly posted boy and Native & Shawan's beast of burden and bowing darkies attract considerable attention. Wilson, Rankin & Co. are well in the race with exquisite things and Tommy Green has the pig race of the present century. Many others are worthy of mention but space will not permit. A noticeable feature in the stroll on Rosser, however, is the prevalence of toys and fancy goods, suit-blown articles for Xmas gifts, but before purchasing these call at the Mail Bookstore where you will find quantity, variety and cheapness interesting features.

DIED.

TODD.—On the 14th inst., Bertha Elizabeth, daughter of J. R. Todd, of Hillview, aged 17 years and 9 months.

HOW LONDON LOOKS AT IT.

We observe that the wonderful position attained by the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal, is attracting the attention of great American and English publishers who appear to be amazed that such a success could be achieved by a colonial paper. One English paper sent a representative to Montreal and he is now engaged in enquiring into the organization of the Star and its huge achievements.

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